

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Windmill Installation

LOCATION: Fort Ross State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Install a gifted replica windmill monument near the Visitor Center parking lot at Fort Ross State Historic Park to appreciate the Fort's Russian heritage. Work will:

- Remove up to 5 non-native Monterey Pine trees and trim existing trees to provide space for the monument
- Plant native trees as needed in locations to screen windmill
- Remove portion of existing split rail fence to allow access to new pathway to monument;
- Construct a new Americans with Disabilities compliant pathway from parking lot to and around the windmill location,
- Re-stripe the parking lot to provide two ADA compliant parking spaces
- Install temporary construction fencing to protect rock outcroppings and other site features
- Excavate up to 30" x 10' deep to install a foundation structural center post; up to 10' x 10' x 18" deep to install foundation footings and up to 18" dia x 5' deep to install footings for blade tie downs.
- Manually assemble the pre-constructed windmill package
- Locate temporary staging area at park maintenance yard and at old paved highway near dumpsters.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 3, 4, and 11 Section: 15303, 15304, and 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:


Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures; the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and the placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities and is included as "construction or installation of additional public use facilities (picnic tables, lockers, etc.)" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4..

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